

Through a Child's Eyes:



USE OF CLOSED-CIRCUIT TESTIMONY & RECORDED STATEMENTS OF CHILDREN

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August 23, 2007

- 8:00–9:00 a.m.** **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00–9:45 a.m.** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:45–10:00 a.m.** **Through a Child's Eyes: Innocence in the Courtroom – Video**
- 10:00–12:00 p.m.** **Making the Courtroom User Friendly for the Victim in Child Sexual Assault Cases**
Nancy B. Lamb
North Carolina District Attorneys Association
Elizabeth City, NC
- 12:00–1:30 p.m.** **Lunch with Speaker**
Nancy Chandler
Executive Director, National Children's Alliance
Washington, DC

Track A	(1:30pm–3:00pm)	Track B	(1:30pm–3:00pm)	Track C	(1:30pm–3:00pm)
Evaluating Your Program Sharon Elstein <i>American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law</i> <i>Washington, DC</i> M. Christine Kenty <i>QUAD2 Consulting, Philadelphia, PA</i>		Technological Aspects of Presenting Live Testimony: What is Available and What Really Works Craig Burger <i>Director of Video Operations</i> <i>17th Judicial Circuit of Florida</i>		Showcase State Project–Florida, Link Between Child Advocacy Center and Courtroom Abdiel Ortiz <i>Director of Court Communication and Technology</i> <i>13th Judicial Circuit of Florida</i>	

- 3:00–3:15 p.m.** **Break**

Track A	(3:15–4:45pm)	Track B	(3:15–4:45pm)	Track C	(3:15–4:45pm)
Maryland v. Craig Revisited: Establishing the Legal Basis for Taking a Child's Statement by Closed-Circuit Television Allison L. Turkel <i>Senior Attorney/Chief of Training, National District Attorneys Association, Alexandria, VA</i>		Technology and Pre-Recorded Statements of Children: Who, What, Where, When, & How Craig Burger <i>Director of Video Operations</i> <i>17th Judicial Circuit of Florida</i>		Showcase State Project–Virginia Utilization of Mobile CCTV Systems Special Agent Robert Jamison, <i>Technical Unit</i> <i>Virginia Department of State Police</i> Holly Oehrlein <i>Children's Justice Act Coordinator, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services</i>	

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August 24, 2007

- 8:00–9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00–10:30 a.m. Understanding the Language of Children**
Julie Kenniston
Butler County Children's Services Board
Hamilton, OH
- 10:30–10:45 a.m. Break**
- 10:45–11:45 a.m. Getting the Most Out of Your Child Interview Room—Practical Tools, Techniques, and Specialized Uses**
Rick Barton, District Attorney Investigator (Retired)
Butte County District Attorney's Office, Special Victims Unit
Oroville, CA
- 11:45–1:15 p.m. Lunch with Speaker**
Howard Davidson, Director
American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law
Washington, DC

Track A	(1:15pm–2:45pm)	Track B	(1:15pm–2:45pm)	Track C	(1:15pm–2:45pm)
Using the Cognitive Interview with Adolescents <i>Julie Kenniston</i> <i>Butler County Children's Services Board</i> <i>Hamilton, OH</i>		Meeting of 2007 ABA CCTV/Recording Technology Grantees <i>Sharon Elstein, American Bar Association</i> <i>Center on Children and the Law</i> <i>Washington, DC</i>		Showcase State Project—Arizona Development and Implementation of Arizona's 40 Hour Forensic Interview Training <i>Alisa Wheeler, Former Associate</i> <i>Director, Prevent Child Abuse Arizona</i> <i>Wendy Dutton, Curriculum Developer,</i> <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>	

- 2:45–3:00 p.m. Break**
- 3:00–4:00 p.m. Closing Session**
The Honorable Richard Fitzgerald (Retired)
Family Court
Louisville, KY

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ABOUT THIS TRAINING

Children present unique challenges to the criminal justice system when they must testify in a court of law. Recognition of this concern has resulted in states enacting legislation to authorize the use of closed-circuit and/or videotaped testimony of child witnesses. These innovative techniques are necessary to aid in the search for truth and to serve the interests of justice.

Beginning in 1993, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) provided grants to states to increase the use of closed-circuit technology and recorded testimony of children. State programs have focused on the purchase of equipment, the development of protocols, and the provision of training to system professionals in the use of these technologies. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and BJA, in collaboration with the American Bar Association (ABA), are sponsoring this conference to provide participants the opportunity to share information on model programs and learn about associated technology.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This training is designed for criminal justice professionals who work with child witnesses. Registration is open to: judges, prosecutors, guardians ad litem, law enforcement professionals, victim/witness advocates, child protective service workers, mental health professionals, and other state and local policymakers and practitioners. Recipients of the 2007 American Bar Association CCTV/Recording Technology grants (ABA grantees) are expected to send at least one representative to the conference. Space is limited to approximately one hundred participants.

EXPENSES

ABA grantees are expected to use grant funds to attend the conference.

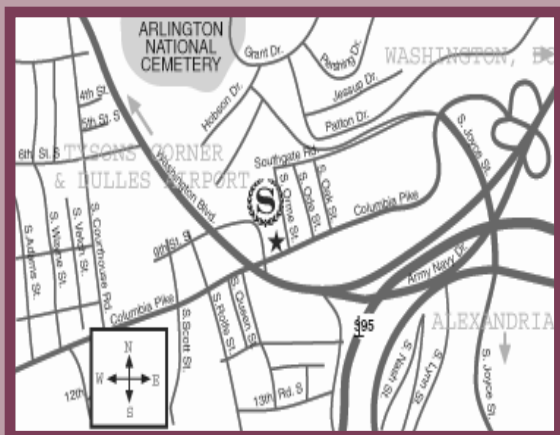
The Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce that a limited number of travel scholarships covering conference-related transportation and lodging costs are available to interested parties, with the exception of ABA grantees. Non-grantees will be required to submit a letter of endorsement for their participation in the conference from a senior administrator in their agency or organization to Yana D'La-Vega at American University by fax at (202) 885-2885 or by electronic mail at justice@american.edu. Please enter "CCTV Conference" in the subject line of your e-mail. Non-grantee registrants who submit endorsement letters and are approved for scholarships will be contacted by Joseph Trotter or Ms. D'La-Vega with details about obtaining pre-paid airline tickets or mileage reimbursement and lodging arrangements. Questions? Please contact Ms. D'La-Vega or Mr. Trotter at (202) 885-2875.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided on conference days. Dinner expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

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LOCATION

Sheraton National Hotel
900 South Orme Street
Arlington, VA 22204
(703) 521-1900

The conference hotel is located in northern Virginia with Metro access to Washington, D.C., museums, monuments, and restaurants. The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle service with scheduled runs every 30 minutes to Reagan National Airport (DCA), the Pentagon, Crystal City, the Mall, restaurant row, and Metro from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. For airport shuttle pickup, simply call the hotel from the courtesy phones available at each terminal.

For overnight accommodations, please contact the hotel directly. A special conference rate of \$149.00, plus tax is available until Friday, August 3, 2007. Please mention the group code VD0807 to get this rate. The hotel will honor the conference rate for a limited number of rooms the two nights before the conference (beginning Tuesday, August 21, 2007) and the night after the conference (Friday, August 24, 2007). Arrangements for accommodations and travel are the responsibility of the registrant.

REGISTRATION

Registration is required for participation at this conference; however, there is no registration fee. To register for the conference, visit our website at **www.dcjs.virginia.gov**. Alternatively, please fill out this card, printing all information as you would like it to appear on your name tag and our participant list. Mail the registration card to:

Department of Criminal Justice Services
ATTN: Denise Hampton
202 North Ninth Street, Richmond, VA 23219

NOTE: Registration must be received by **Wednesday, August 15, 2007** and will be accommodated if space permits.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided on both days of the conference.

Please specify any special dietary requirements: _____

In compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 – those persons who require special accommodations, please specify your needs: _____

Questions: please call (804) 225-3948

Cancellation:

If you register for this conference and are unable to attend, please contact Denise Hampton in writing by e-mail (Denise.Hampton@dcjs.virginia.gov) or fax (804-786-3414), by August 15, 2007, so we can release your seat to another person.

If you register for this conference and do not attend or cancel your registration in writing by August 15, you may be charged a \$50.00 cancellation fee.